



# *Our Lady of Peace*



AND JESUS  
ADVANCED IN WISDOM  
AND AGE AND FAVOR  
BEFORE GOD  
AND MAN.

*Luke 2:41-52*



*December 26, 2021*

*The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available (6-7PM):  
**2021: Call the office for info.** Call the Parish office to register.  
**Sacrament of Matrimony** An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt. Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM  
**New Parishioners** Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.  
**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.  
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**Day:** Kandace, 453-6515  
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**Our Mission Statement:**

**Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 26, 2021**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
— 1 John 3:2a

**West Millcreek Food Pantry**

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

**December 2021**

26th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti

Pantry is OPEN December 14 & 28  
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.



**The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations:**

- Canned Soup
  - Canned Vegetables
  - Whole Grain Cereal
  - Plastic Grocery Bags
  - Powered Milk
  - Nut Butters
  - Toilet Tissue
  - Paper Towels/Napkins
- The Food Pantry is so thankful to those continuing to donate.*

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - The shepherds went in haste, / and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.  
**First Reading** - Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28).  
**Psalm** - Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84).  
**Second Reading** - We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24).  
**Gospel** - Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: Respect for Elders**

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)  
**Adults:** How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?  
**Kids:** What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the Temple for three days without his parents?

**FAMILY LIFE**

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

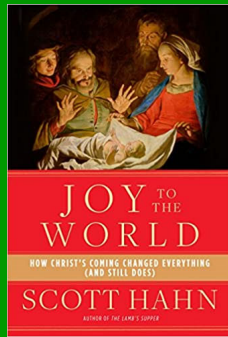
*Readings for the Week of December 26th*

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Stop and see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk in the vestibule of the church.**

Book: \$5  
NEW: *Joy to the World*

In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly family" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



Our Lady of Peace...

Pray for us.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**OLP 31 Club**

**Praying for vocations every day of the year!**

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

**Upcoming Mass commitments:**

- Dec. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
- Dec. 27: Ann R.
- Dec. 28: Ann F., Michael M.
- Dec. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
- Dec. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
- Dec. 31: Jim Z.
- Jan. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.
- Jan. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.

*If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.*

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

**Confessions available (in the Chapel):**

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon  
Saturday 8:30-9AM and 3:45-4:45PM  
or by appointment - call the Church Office

**When at Mass offer the Mass for**

**Vocations by praying the prayer below:**

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner \* but rather that he be converted and live \* grant we beseech you \* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin \* Saint Joseph, her spouse \* St. Junipero Serra \* and all the saints \* an increase of laborers for your Church \* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls \* through the same Jesus Christ \* Your Son \* Who lives and reigns with You \* In the unity of the Holy Spirit \* God forever \* and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory Major Tom Carr - Mom & Dad.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Amelia Patsy - Mary Pat Haven.



## From the Pastor's Desk...

To my spiritual family of Our Lady of Peace-

A Merry Christmas Octave and Feast of the Holy Family! This is a special feast to focus on and pray for families in our parish and community. There are many things in our culture that make healthy and holy family life very challenging. We must consistently ask the Holy Family to intercede for families and to inspire our families to follow their example of being communities of persons in love as we are created and called to be.

I see this feast as the one moment in the liturgy during the octave of Christmas to extend our focus to St. Joseph, who is not necessarily an emphasis the rest of the octave days. This year it is even more appropriate having just finished the universal year of St. Joseph on December 8<sup>th</sup> and participating in the Consecration to St. Joseph as a parish that ended on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**"Pillar of Families"** is one title we used for St. Joseph in his litany that we prayed throughout the 33-day consecration. In Fr. Donald Calloway's book, Consecration to St. Joseph, it says this about St. Joseph, "A pillar is a foundation. In order for your family to stand on a firm foundation and be unshakable, your family needs St Joseph. He will teach your family the importance of prayer, mutual respect, purity, honesty, forgiveness, love, and, most importantly, placing God above all things." So I encourage all the families of our parish to "go to St. Joseph!" And for all families in our parish to "go to the Holy Family!"

Another feast of the octave of Christmas is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28<sup>th</sup>**. The Catholic liturgical calendar (Ordo) says this- "the massacre of the Innocents (by Herod who feared the coming of the Messiah and ordered that all boys under the age of 2 be killed when Jesus was born) bears witness to the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from sin and frees us from death." There are also special prayers that can be said on this feast "for the innocent who have perished through abortion, starvation and war."

**On Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "Day of Prayer for the Innocents."** The church will be open from 7am to 7pm to pray before the tabernacle for those innocents. We will have copies of those prayers available for you to use. I would ask that on that day we specifically pray for our government to enact laws and policies that will protect these innocents whether it's involving abortion, immigration, poverty or war (and other issues beyond those). In particular I would ask your prayers for the Supreme Court as it considers two cases that could greatly affect or eliminate abortion in our country (one law in Texas and the other in Mississippi). We pray for the wisdom and inspiration of our justices to bring an end to abortion and support the best laws in these other areas.

May God bless our families, the innocents and our Christmas Octave ahead!

Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

### **Other notes from the pastor...**

**\*\*Appreciation Dinner Postponed** Due to the present challenges of group gatherings we are going to postpone the annual Appreciation Dinner until the summer when we can possibly go outside or at least be out of "COVID Season." Let me know if you have any questions or concerns; and thank you for your patience and understanding.

**\*\*Please note that the parish office will be closed from Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for understanding the need to give our parish staff a well-deserved break.**

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas Beckett, Martyr; Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave within the Nativity of the Lord; Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>- St Sylvester I, Pope; Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>- the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

**\*\*The Christmas Season continues for just over 2 weeks this year.** Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>), Mary the Mother of God (Friday, Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>), the Epiphany (Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> where we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have Adoration following the 4:30pm Mass until Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm.

**\*\*Holy Hour for Peace** We will continue the recent tradition of ringing in the New Year with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>). What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world through a litany of peace. After the Holy Hour there will be time for some refreshments and fellowship in the rectory.

**\*\*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and is a holy day of obligation and the last day of the Octave of Christmas.** It is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. For all those reasons, it is a great day to participate in Mass which will be held at 5:30pm on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and 10am on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*Parish Calendars** I am very grateful to our sponsors- First National Bank/Manager Chris Hanes, Beer and Pop Warehouse, Scott Enterprises, Howard Hanna/ Realtor Cynthia

Berarducci, E.C.C.A Inc, and the Knights of Columbus OLP Council 11454.

### **\*\*Pilgrimages to England in July 2022 and the Holy Land in November of 2023**

I realize with COVID it is hard to commit to the 2022 pilgrimage to England but I wanted to remind you that there is insurance you can purchase for both trips in case you have to cancel. My hope is to stick with both trips regardless of whether we reach our goal of 40 pilgrims for each. 206 Tours who is handling the organization of both pilgrimages has still said that they hope to run both and they want to wait until the spring to see where things stand for England.

One thing that would be very helpful to me is if you could contact me if you are considering going to England so I know how many people might be interested but are waiting to see how things develop with COVID. If you are considering either pilgrimage, please contact me at [fr.rich@olp.org](mailto:fr.rich@olp.org) so I can know where we stand. Thank You!

### **\*\*Thoughts on Kneeling after the Lamb of God**

Kneeling is a common response when in the presence of the sacred. I would like to review here some of the points I made in my homily two weeks ago when we returned to the posture of kneeling after the lamb of God at Mass. The first two are repeated from previous explanations. The rest focus on the dispositions I encourage to accompany our kneeling. ONE- As was stated before- the Diocese of Erie had been remaining standing after the Lamb of God since 2003 when Bishop Trautman had implemented that posture for reasons I will not get into here.

TWO- The majority of Diocese in the United States kneel after the Lamb of God so Bishop Persico wants us to be united with most of the Catholic Church in the US in this posture.

THREE- Remember a basic tenet of our Catholic spirituality and liturgy is that external expressions and postures encourage interior dispositions which is why we emphasize guidelines about them. However, external postures do not guarantee the corresponding interior disposition so we must be thoughtful and intentional when we do them.

FOUR- Kneeling can be an expression of contrition and therefore is consistent with the congregational response to the presider's statement "Behold the Lamb of God..." which is "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only said the word and my soul shall be healed." I think of the classic painting by Rembrandt of the Prodigal Son that hangs in our office hallway which shows of the younger son kneeling in the embrace of his father as he says he is sorry.

FIVE- Kneeling is an expression of adoration. There are 3 moments in the Mass when Christ present in the Eucharist is shown or elevated before the congregation- after "This is my body given up for you," after "This is the chalice of my blood... do this in remembrance of me," and "Behold the Lamb of God." During the first two of these moments the congregation is kneeling and it seems fitting that we kneel in adoration at the third as well. This is not to suggest or minimize the other ways that Christ is present to us at Mass (in the congregation, in the presiding priest, and in the Word

of God) but there is something special about the substantial, tangible presence of Christ in the Eucharist which is important to recognize and adore in a special way.

SIX- Kneeling is an expression of humility. Humility is the virtue that is the foundation and beginning of growth in the spiritual life and right relationship with God. This is a moment to reinforce our absolute dependence on God for EVERYTHING and therefore to resist the temptation of the Garden of Eden that is present in our lives every day, which is to make ourselves God. We lower ourselves so that God can raise us in His image and likeness and not our own. If we elevate ourselves on our own, God has to lower us so that he can recreate us. Hopefully we choose humility on our own and do not make God force it out of us and I believe kneeling can be helpful in this.

Now for a few practical clarifications on the process...

ONE- If you are unable to kneel it is completely fine to sit but please do not stand for the sake of visibility for those who are kneeling. Please keep in mind the above points even if you are not kneeling- the interior dispositions are more important than the external expression.

TWO- Keep the kneelers down after the Great Amen so we do not have to put them up and down twice (and make more noise 😊).

THREE- It seems easiest to remain kneeling until your row goes to Holy Communion but if you want or need to sit down while waiting that is completely fine.

FOUR- You are encouraged to kneel when returning to your pew but to keep singing either before or after you make a prayer of thanksgiving.

FIVE- Once the music stops, this is your most intimate opportunity for private prayer between you and God so take advantage of it. The image that is powerful for me to consider at this moment is the beloved disciple John laying his head on the chest of Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn 13:23). Let Jesus hold you in the embrace of Mass and Holy Communion, and love and thank him back.

SIX- There is no definite time that the congregation is asked to sit after kneeling after Communion. Personally when I attended Mass before being ordained I liked to remain kneeling until the priest says "Let us pray." I think it is appropriate to wait until at least the tabernacle is closed from reposing the Blessed Sacrament if you are able to stay kneeling until then. Some might wait until the presider sits and others may wait until the Prayer after Communion. I do not think we need to be rigid about this. Let's leave it to you and your preference. The key at this point is not to miss this amazing moment of Communion with our God and the community and to enter into it with heart, body and soul in a way that is best for you.

**\*\*Christmas Gloria** The Gloria returns to Mass on Christmas Eve as we join the Angels who sang the opening line of the Gloria on that first Christmas Night. Let's prepare to give Glory to God in our Christmas celebrations!



January 2022

# Youth Ministry Schedule

## WEEKLY

We're bringing back our weekly Hour Of Prayer. Every Monday, starting January 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm in the OLP Mother's Chapel. The hour will include praise & worship and other forms of prayer. Everyone is welcome, this is a great family event to come to. The following Monday's will have our Hour of Prayer: Jan 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st.

**Jan 6th** Join us for a holy hour of adoration at St. Joe's Catholic Church, 7-8pm.

**Jan 13th** MS/HS Social Night, church social room, 6:30-8pm, a night of games & snacks.

**Jan 20th** Join us for a holy hour of adoration at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in McKean, 8-9pm.

**Jan 21st** HS March for Life Event. We are not going to Washington D.C. this year for the March. Instead we will be participating in an event with St. Mary's and Warren. We will depart OLP at 7am on the 21st and return at 3pm on the 21st. Our event will take place in Warren. The day will include mass, discussion, and an opportunity to meet others in the church. There are limited spots, so reserve a spot by emailing Sarah.

**Jan 22nd** MS March for Life Event. 2-7pm. Including dinner, mass and a holy hour for life. Please reserve a spot by emailing Sarah.

**Jan 22nd** Holy Hour for Life, 6pm OLP, all are welcome, bring the whole family.

**Jan 26th** MS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP church social room, a night of faith discussion, games and snacks.

**Jan 27th** HS Faith Night, 6:30-8pm, OLP church social room, a night of faith discussion, games and snacks.

Email Sarah Beaver with any questions at [sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:sarah.beaver@olp.org)

## 7th Annual

# 138 Women's Conference

"Say Yes!" to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30AM - 12:30PM on March 12,

2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at

satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register.



Mary said,  
"Behold, I am the  
handmaid of the Lord. May  
it be done to me  
according to your word."

1:38 Women

Luke 1:38

## A Family Perspective

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

## Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

**7:00AM Weekdays**  
**8:00AM Saturdays**  
**9:00AM Sundays**



Go to [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org), scroll down to 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you will be connected to our Channel. Once there you can watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking the red Subscribe button.



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Our synodal journey: discerning the will of the Holy Spirit as we listen to each other.



Have you heard about the SYNOD?

Visit the Diocese of Erie microsite regarding the Synod on Synodality:

<https://www.eriercd.org/synod.html>

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet from 9:30-10:45AM in the school and church basement.

**Dec. 26** - No Religious Ed. Classes

Grades 9-11: Classes meet from 5:30-7:30PM in the school and church basement.

**Dec. 26** - No Religious Ed. Classes

All forms can be found on our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org), under the Faith Formation.

For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,

814-838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)



**SUNDAY, December 26, 2021**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

7:30AM Parishioners

9:00AM Amelia Pozzutti Patsy ~

Jill & Austin Brugger

11:00AM Robert Wiczorek ~ Family

4:30PM Emil Chimenti ~

Brian, Annemarie, Andrew & Abbie

**TUESDAY, December 28, 2021**

7:00AM Valerie Skovranko ~

Paul Wojtek Family

12:10PM Larry & Patricia Smith ~ Family

**THURSDAY, December 30, 2021**

7:00AM Chuck Iannello ~ Don & Carol Patsy

12:10PM Mary Lubin ~ Family

**MONDAY, December 27, 2021**

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz ~ Family

12:10PM Frank Robasky, Jr. ~

Esko & Judy Tarto

**WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021**

7:00AM Shirley Saeger ~

Jack & Rose Ann Gutting

12:10PM Msgr. Richard Stack ~

Michael & Denise Gaines

**FRIDAY, December 31, 2021**

7:00AM Don Pulice ~ Gary & Cheryl Carver

12:10PM Josephine M. Przybycin ~

Fred & Evelyn Fried



**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**FRIDAY, December 31, 2021**

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:30PM ~ Mary Tarkowski ~

Ron & Bernie Kerner

11-Midnight Holy Hour



**SATURDAY, January 1, 2022**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00AM Barb Fontecchio ~ Friends

**SATURDAY, January 1, 2022**

Vigil:

5:00PM

Josie Wernicki ~ Avelin Galante

OUR LADY OF PEACE

**MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP**

SEEKING TO GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS

The 1st Wednesday of each month  
7PM in the Social Room

ALL ARE WELCOME

**WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP**

Every day women of faith courageously pursue lives to glorify God. This evening is a chance to encourage and journey with other women in their walks with Christ. Join us the second Wednesday of the month for fellowship and prayer.

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30-8pm in the OLP Church Meeting Room. Bring your Bible.

She was stronger than she ever imagined. Jesus was closer than she ever realized, and she was loved more than she ever knew.

**Faith**

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.*

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

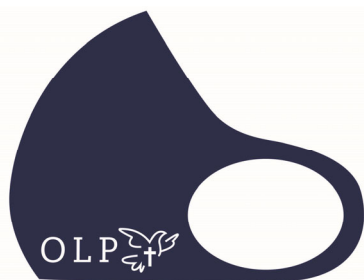
### Ways to stay connected:

Some of our communications will be by Email please make sure the office has your current email address.

We send a weekly email with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website:  
**www.olp.org.**

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we use the App as well.

To the right are directions for the App and how to log into **FORMED**, which is one of our greatest resources.



**OLP Items for Sale:  
Water Bottles / Face Masks**

**\$5.00 each**



### Download Our Parish App!



#### myParish App

Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via FaceBook or Twitter. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.

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### Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

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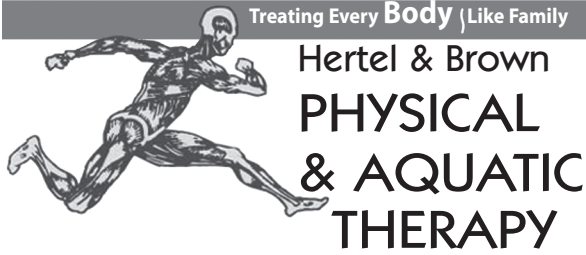
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St. Martin Center was blessed to receive 194 gift cards for their Shining Stars program, so many children will feel loved this Christmas.



Food Pantry  
“Packing”



*Thank  
You!*



### St. Martin Shining Stars Gift Card Presentation

Pictured at right:

**Front row:** Rita Zawacki, Program Support St. Martin Center; Fr. Richard Toohey, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace  
**Second Row:** David Gonzalez, CEO St. Martin Center; Scott Barnes, Board Member St. Martin Center; Denise Gaines, Board Member St. Martin Center; Mary Beth Whitman, Business Manager Our Lady of Peace; Cynthia Berarducci, Secretary Our Lady of Peace

